



What a year 2020 has been so far! Warm summer days usually mean the annual convention is upon us. Yet, this year is decidedly different. Clubs stopped dancing in March. Fly-in's, club nights, A/C week-ends and even our beloved annual convention – all canceled. Most of us are working from home, if we are lucky. Wearing a mask and physical distancing are the new normal.

As science works on a vaccination, we know in our hearts that square dancing, the activity we love, will eventually come back. We will be able to dance together again, laugh together again and be together again. Rebuilding our clubs will be a challenge; and All Join Hands is here to help.

All Join Hands and All Join Hands Canada have established a COVID Relief Fund specifically designed to help clubs get back on their feet when we can reopen. There will be a need to rebuild our memberships, book halls, contract with callers and get the word out that we are back. The details are being worked out now, but the vision is to assist clubs with hall rentals, paying callers, placing advertising and public relations information to get dancing up and running again. The COVID pandemic has also had a devastating financial impact on our dancers and callers. The All join Hands COVID Relief Fund can also help dancers that are not able to pay club dues or dance fees.

We urge you to consider donating to All Join Hands today. A generous matching donation challenge has been offered. For every \$1 you donate it will be matched up to \$5,000. We need to build capital in the COVID Relief Fund now to help clubs recover. As a 501c3, your donations are tax deductible. All Join Hands is fully committed to helping clubs rebuild and grow.

Want to help your club? Donate to the COVID Relief Fund and name your club. We will send your funds directly to the designated club.

Please join us in supporting square dancing by donating to the All Join Hands COVID Relief Fund by mailing a check or donating online at our website.

Yellow rocks,  
Gordon Macaw, President

***P.S. Under the CARES Act, taxpayers who choose the standard deduction can take advantage of a brand-new “above-the-line” tax deduction for the 2020 tax year. This means you can write off up to \$300 in cash donations in 2020 (\$600 for joint filers) to qualifying charities and you don’t have to itemize deductions to take this charitable deduction.***